

Approved February 16, 2011



## City of Scottsdale PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

### Summary Minutes

5:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 2, 2011  
Mountain View Park and Community Center  
8625 East Mountain View, Scottsdale, AZ 85258

Present: Chair Koczka  
Vice Chair Schlegelmilch  
Commissioner Duchene  
Commissioner Frost  
Commissioner Dafoe  
Commissioner Wurth

Absent: Commissioner Alspaugh

Staff Present: Jan Cameron  
Hugh McGill  
Tim Barnard  
Don Davis  
Reed Pryor  
Michael Ruggiero  
Lorelei Oien  
Carrie Wilhelme  
Sandy Hlebaen  
Jody Pierce

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Koczka called the regular meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. at Mountain View Park and Community Center.

#### 2. ROLL CALL

A formal roll call confirmed members present as stated above.

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3. MOMENT OF SILENCE

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Regular Meeting January 19, 2011

**Motion by Vice Chair Schlegelmilch to approve regular meeting minutes from January 19, 2011; second by Commissioner Frost.**

**Vote: Minutes approved unanimously with a vote of six (6) to zero (0).**

5. PROPOSED PARK RENAMING REQUEST – TROON NORTH PARK

Mr. Tim Barnard, Parks and Recreation Manager, explained that traditionally the process in most park renaming instances occur after the park has been completed and is presented to the Commission by staff based on the criteria established by RP&FP009, but in this instance, staff had been approached by Mr. Manny Siprut, Secretary of Troon North Association, and Ms. Anne Hodgkins, Cavalliere family representative, who are making their requests to the Commission prior to Troon North Park's completion.

Mr. Siprut reported that Troon North is a community of 1,800 homes that surround Troon North Park, and that within their community there is a park named Troon North Community Park that has been there for years. The Troon North Association solicited their community members for alternative names, received 50 responses and ended up with 32 suggested names. Representatives from each of the 20 communities then voted and chose 'Reata Pass Park'.

Ms. Hodgkins clarified that she was not a representative of the Cavalliere family, but was representing friends of Doc Cavalliere who had passed away a year and a half ago and wanted to do something fitting to his memory. She went on to explain that the proximity of Troon North Park to Doc Cavalliere's property in Greasewood Flats that is now for sale works sentimentally for all of Doc's friends and their suggestion for memorializing him would be to name the park 'George R Doc Cavalliere Memorial Park' or 'Doc Cavalliere Park'. Ms. Hodgkins provided a brief history of Doc Cavalliere's history and contributions to Scottsdale, and stated that the group would provide a memorial for Doc in the manner of a statute or a bust or a plaque.

There were five requests to speak on Agenda Item #5 as follows:

**Joyce Eller** – raised the question that Doc Cavalliere may own the name 'Reata Pass' and provided personal information about Doc Cavalliere's life.

**Margaret Wilkinson** – provided personal information about Doc Cavalliere and supports naming the park 'George R. Doc Cavalliere Memorial Park'.

**Engrid Toorock** – provided personal information about Doc Cavalliere and supports naming the park after Doc Cavalliere.

**Nancy Lucas** – provided personal information about Doc Cavalliere and supports naming the park after Doc Cavalliere.

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**Manny Siprut** – reiterated that Troon North HOA went through a process of gathering suggestions for names for the park, which included Greasewood Park and Cavalliere Park; these names were not voted into the final selection process. He also stated that the name Reata Pass is on a number of maps, and feel that it has some historical significance and that the name 'Reata Pass' provides a historical anchor to that area.

The citizen speakers were followed by a discussion and questions from the Commissioners regarding Scottsdale's park naming policy and practices, Phase I completion statistics, and Phase II amenities.

**Motion by Commissioner Duchene to not act on renaming Troon North Park until more information can be gathered and to reagendize item in the future. Second by Commissioner Frost.**

**Vote: Motion approved unanimously with a vote of six (6) to zero (0).**

Commission requests to staff:

- Investigate the viability of the name 'Reata Pass'.
- Verify and confirm process that Troon North HOA underwent to arrive at suggested renaming to 'Reata Pass Park'.
- Future presentation of Phase I and Phase II park amenities.
- Possible inclusion in Park Policy the practice that parks are not typically named after the recently deceased.
- Collect names and addresses of citizen attendees at tonight's meeting for notification of future meetings regarding the renaming of Troon Park North.

#### 6. 2011 GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

Carrie Wilhelme, AICP, Senior Planner/Project Manager provided an update of the draft 2011 General Plan, which included the following:

Background  
Process for updating the General Plan  
Foundation of the General Plan for 2011  
Proposed Future Land use  
Overarching Document Changes  
Relevant Goals and Policies  
Next Steps

Commission request:

That arts and culture have its own element in the General Plan.

#### 7. MEDIANS AND RIGHTS OF WAYS MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Jody Pierce, Landscape Contract Coordinator, provided to the Commission the annual update of the maintenance of the city's 23 million square feet of medians and rights of ways. This included:

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- Maintenance responsibilities
- 2010 cost reductions
- What is contracted
- Washes and trails
- Tree pruning
- Enhancements
- Cactus and tree relocations
- Challenges
- Replacing vegetation after an accident
- 24 hr. response for sight and sign obstructions

Sandy Hlebaen, Landscape Contract Coordinator, provided information on the Median Pilot Program which is an approach to alternative service delivery where the city competes with an external service provider to provide public services under a managed process. Each area is visited daily for trash and litter removal, daily audits are completed, quarterly irrigation inspections are required, monthly reports are documented and cost comparisons are made. Contractor challenges include ensuring the contractor follows the verbiage in the contract, traffic control safety, irrigation concerns, weed control and removal, proper tree pruning techniques are followed, and that there is a two hour response time for emergencies. In July, 2011, the information will be compiled and a final decision will be made based on cost comparisons, service levels and service frequencies regarding the future median maintenance practices; the best economic value will be chosen and implemented.

Reed Pryor, Parks and Recreation Manager, provided information on contracts that the city uses for some services.

The presentation was followed by questions from the Commissioners and staff responses regarding medians and rights of way expenditures in 2009/2010; the impact of the Pima Road improvements and maintenance of the added square footage.

#### 8. COMMISSIONER REPORT

Commissioner Frost, Chair Koczka, and Vice Chair Schlegelmilch attended the McCormick Stillman Railroad Park Exhibit Bldg. dedication.

Chair Koczka and Vice Chair Schlegelmilch attended the Blue Sky meeting set up by City Council to explore possible revenue sources by partnering with private companies. Commissioner Koczka also reported that the City Council had postponed the implementation of an afterschool program fee.

Commissioner Frost attended the Center of the Arts Master Plan planning sessions.

#### 9. DIRECTOR'S REPORT OF CURRENT EVENTS (A.R.S. § 38-431.02(K))

Jan Cameron, Parks and Recreation Director, provided a budget update to the Commission, as well as upcoming meetings, and parks and recreation events.

#### 10. PUBLIC COMMENT

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There were no citizen comments for non-agendized items.

11. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chair Koczka adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lorelei Oien  
Administrative Secretary

Meets established criteria,  
Janice M. Cameron  
Director, Parks and Recreation

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